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GRACE**
NEWSLETTER

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Grace Newsletter **is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes—
designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at
Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all,
(including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow
in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST.
To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."***

BIBLICAL TRUTH FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILIES!
[Part 3]

**FOR MOTHER'S DAY, 2018: Dads and Moms
Leading Their Families on the LORD'S DAY!**

**HAVE YOU MET THIS FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN FAMILY AT
SOUTHSIDE?** [NOTE: We will, at times, refer to this Faithful Christian Family as our
FCF family!]

A Typical Saturday with our Faithful Christian Family! We
found that preparations for and rejoicing in each LORD'S DAY
services are, in varying ways, ***a WHOLE week delight for our
FCF...*** as they honor the Biblical call to worship, work, and rest.
Thus, every week is built around the following:

1. Prior to the LORD'S DAY, there are three days of prayerful
planning, ministry, and **anticipation** leading up to and
contributing to making each LORD'S DAY special.

2. The LORD'S DAY! Their passion is to **MAKE SUNDAY
SPECIAL**— a special day to DELIGHT IN GOD. It is a special day
for worship, for ministry, for rest. They recognize that precious
relationships and ministry require specific and precious time.
**FRANKLY: Why would any Christian not desire and commit
to placing supreme priority on Delighting in God?**

Our Faithful Christian Family BELIEVES that **in view of the
great mercies of God**— holding the LORD'S DAY sacred for God
is not duty but rather it is a grand delight! (Isaiah 58:13-14)

There is no strain to refrain from their own ways, their own pleasures, or their own ideas as to how each LORD'S DAY will be spent. Moreover, they are not ashamed to humbly inform family and friends that **as for their household— *Sundays uniquely belong to the LORD!***

3. FOR our FCF, the **three days following the LORD'S DAY** are days of **reflection** upon the special presence of God revealed in the assembly of the saints on the LORD'S DAY **as** congregational praise and worship were offered to God, **as** fellowship and ministry took place in the midst of the congregation, **and as** the Word of God was readily received. **MOREOVER**, these are also **days of APPLICATION and obedience** to the truth, the Biblical instruction, and guidance received the previous LORD'S DAY.

SO, THIS IS THE SACRED WEEKLY RHYTHM THAT IS COMMON FOR OUR **Faithful Christian Family; and** this sacred weekly rhythm explains their normal Saturday choices:

ON A RECENT SATURDAY, we found our **FCF** in the midst of some of their regular LORD'S DAY PREPARATIONS: [1] **No late Saturday nights out partying, playing, going to games, or malls, or a thousand other allurements** which take many families in different directions! [2] **Rather:** ** Sunday School lessons are studied; ** Last minute checks are made on those to whom the Gospel was plant during the week; ** Prayers are lifted up for the LORD'S blessing on all the LORD'S DAY services; ** **Clock alarms are set early enough so that on the LORD'S DAY morning they will not be rushed.**

*** Sometimes there are special family activities, but regardless they are in bed early enough **so as to be fully rested and**

refreshed for a GRAND LORD'S DAY OF DELIGHTING IN GOD!

[Obviously, all of the above activities give our **FCF** plenty of reasons to pray for God to give increase on the LORD'S DAY!]

SUNDAY, the LORD'S DAY, with our Faithful Christian Family!

Apparently, it was some time ago that our **FCF** began to make positive modifications in their living patterns so that every LORD'S DAY is now a sacred, special day to Delight in God!

*** Even though our **FCF** live SEVERAL MILES from the church building where they gather with other saints for Sunday School and Worship— nevertheless, (because they purposely go to bed early on Saturday evenings) — Sunday mornings find them rested, up early with plenty of time for family devotions, breakfast, and even plenty of time to arrive early! *** It is clear that our **FCF** is excited about being in place early so as to welcome those they have invited to come to Sunday School.

Soon after arrival at the church building, our **FCF** is often found helping visitors or newcomers find all the right places; helping visitors and newcomers to be introduced to others and to have someone to sit with during the worship hour. We also spotted them in the hallway, praying with and/or encouraging other saints.

*** **Between** Sunday School and Worship services **and after** the Worship services they continue ministering. Moreover, it is common for our **Faithful Christian Family** to invite other families, widows, single parent families, and/or Church visitors over for lunch or out to lunch or to team up with others for some fellowship times.

***** THIRD SUNDAY, LORD'S SUPPER SERVICES are especially sacred**— usually vacations, visits to out of town family members are NOT planned for these Special Sundays.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: As one might expect, our **FCF** commonly use LORD'S DAY afternoons for rest, ministry, and/or for family.

BY THE WAY: Our **FCF** never have discussions as to whether or not they will be faithful to attend and participate in the Southside LORD'S DAY services. It's a given. It is preeminent priority.

WITHOUT QUESTION, our FCF have a passion to make Sundays Special! So much so, that each of the family members come to services armed with **"A Sunday Search!"** (This "Search" is no longer written down, since the "Sunday Search" is by now so ingrained in their lifestyle) **But before each LORD'S DAY is over,** they have a family time of sharing: **(1)** "How Christ spoke **TO ME** today!"— through the S.S. lesson, Music, the Word of God, etc. **(2)** "How Christ spoke **THROUGH ME** today!"— that is, those to whom they were blessed to minister. **(3)** What follow up strategies they might use in the coming days with those to whom they are encouraging and/or sharing the Gospel. Our **FCF** said that in these ways they are further spreading the good news of the present works of God.

MONDAY - SATURDAY with our Faithful Christian Family!

As already reported, our **FCF** purposely divides each week into Three days of REFLECTION and Three days of ANTICIPATION. **But we dare not forget!** They have chores, duties, jobs, School, Homework, stresses, trials, ETC..... JUST like every other family. However, their focus and passion in life is GOD AND HIS KINGDOM.

THUS, in their neighborhood, at school, and at work— they seek to live holy, to love, to bless, and to do good to all men, and especially to other Christians.

***** They look upon themselves as Missionaries, SIMILAR to** a Missionary serving in the deepest jungle. THUS, they purpose to be excellent employees and/or students and neighbors. At times they participate in various community, civic, sports, and/or cultural events. Why? There are a number of reasons. **But chief among them is that these all provide opportunities/settings to make Christ visible out in the midst of their mission field.**

Moreover, because they are consciously aware that God has purposely placed them as members in a local body of believers, our **FCF** is deeply committed to mutual ministry in the local church body, where they minister and are ministered unto.

There is one more significant reality in our Faithful Christian Family! They are deeply committed to guarding the unity of the Holy Spirit at Southside. Thus, they have purposely bound themselves:

1. We will not listen to or willingly inquire of any evil or negative reports of others in the Body.
2. If we hear an evil report, we will not believe it.
3. If we hear an evil report, we will go directly and ASAP to the person about whom the evil report was given, humbly inform them, seeking truth and healing.
4. If we hear of an evil report and there is no reason to go directly to the person about whom the report was given, we will in no wise speak the evil report to anyone else.
5. We will seek to practice 1 Corinthians 13:1-7; Galatians 6:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14

BY THE WAY... Some of you may be wondering— who is this Faithful Christian Family? Well, it should be your family and mine!

To whatever degree any of us don't measure up, we must make some serious decisions:

(1) We can humble ourselves, repent as needed, and get on the road of DELIGHTING IN GOD, and of being homeland Missionaries!

(2) Or we can make excuses and play church!

LET US PURPOSE TO DELIGHT IN GOD and IN HIS KINGDOM WORK!

Abundant Grace to Each and All!

James Bell www.southsidegallatin.org

SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

MONDAYS: Jail Ministry— First and Second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Questions? Call the church office at 615-452-5951

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at **5:15PM**.

WEDNESDAYS: → **6:30pm— Children Ministry/activities;**

→ 6:30pm— **Youth** Activities and Bible Study— **(Enter doors by gym)**

→ **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE...** (Enter via IRON STEPS; or double doors by gym)

***** LADIES BIBLE STUDY— Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 22 @ 11:00am; Continuing in LUKE.** ENTER at the back of the church building, through double doors, under the Drive Thru Awning. [*Doors **open** at 10:30am... The doors are re-*

locked at 11:10am]

***** MEN: EVERY SATURDAY MORNING @ 8am: Men's Fellowship/Bible Study! (*STUDY: THE EPISTLE OF JAMES!*) ENTER AT THE back of Church building... under the drive-thru awning. FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits, & Donuts WAITING, starting at 7:30am!**

WATCH and SHARE the Preaching of the Word of God!

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SUNDAY SERVICES: MAY 2018— 13, 20, 27

Sunday School at 9:30am and Worship at 10:45am

SUNDAY SERVICES, special notes—

1. May 13... MOTHER'S DAY—

***** Give GIDEON BIBLES in appreciation of or in Memory of Moms!**

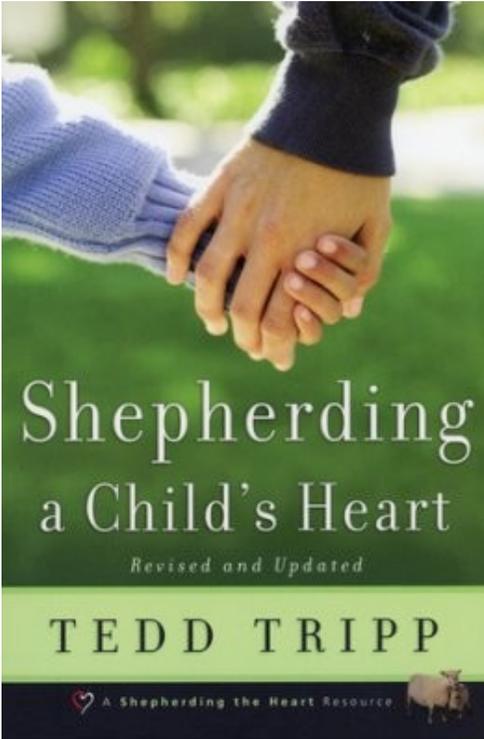
***** Parent / Child DEDICATION, during Morning Worship;**

TRAINING FAITHFUL MEN, AT 5:30PM

2. May 20... LORD'S SUPPER, at conclusion of Morning Worship;

HOME MEETINGS @ 5:00pm

3. May 27... Family Integrated EQUIPPING Night!



Meet in Auditorium, come in FRONT DOORS! (Doors will open at 5:30pm, 5/27/18)

1. FAMILY INTEGRATED, that is, it is for the WHOLE family— Grandparents, Parents, Teens, Children. (**Infant & Toddler Nursery available**)

2. All grandparents and parents have FAMILIES in your world who need help, counseling, advice, mentoring— THESE 4TH Sunday Evenings will help you with your own children and grandchildren... as well as EMPOWERING you for ministry to your

neighbors!

3. Tedd Tripp's *SHEPHERDING a Child's Heart*, 12 session series.

4. Arrive and be IN YOUR SEATS by 5:55pm...

Session will start at 6:00pm sharp.

Sessions will last approximately one hour

